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## RESPONSE AFTER NON-FINAL REJECTION

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2006. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1-8, 10, 11, and 13-21 are pending in the application, claims 1-8, 10, 11 and 13-20 are rejected and claim 21 is withdrawn from consideration. The present response includes the following:

Amendments to the Specification: None
Amendments to the Claims: None
Amendments to the Abstract: None
Amendments to the Drawings: None
Remarks: Pages 2-4

Attachments: 131 Affidavit; Exhibits (63 pages)